

**United States House of Representatives
Committee on Appropriations
Project Request Summary**

Subcommittee, Agency and Account Information

Subcommittee

Labor, HHS, Education

Agency

Department of Education -- National Projects

Account

Innovation and Improvement -- Reach Out and Read authorized under the Elementary and Secondary Education Act

Project Information

Are you aware of other Members requesting this project?

Provide only one year funding

\$10,000,000

Grantee

Reach Out and Read National Center

Grantee Address

Reach Out and Read National Center
56 Roland Street
Boston, MA 02129

Grantee Point of Contact

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Project Description

Reach Out and Read (ROR) is a national program that promotes literacy and language development in infants and young children, targeting disadvantage and poor children and families.

Project Budget Breakout

Is this a new project?

No

Intended Recipient of Funds

Reach Out and Read National Center
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Is the recipient a for-profit entity?

No

Explanation of the request (must include purpose and why it is a valuable use of taxpayer funds)

Reach Out and Read is a national program that promotes literacy and language development in infants and young children, targeting disadvantage and poor children and families. Through fifteen years of peer-reviewed and published research, an extensive body of documentation now clearly demonstrates the importance of promoting early language and literacy skills so that children have the essential reading skills to begin school successfully. Yet today, a large number of children do not receive the necessary support and assistance to develop these skills and begin kindergarten read to learn. To close this gap, the federal government provides funding for a variety of literacy programs and strategies that reach children and parents, and the professionals who interact with them. ROR has proven to among the most effective strategies to promote early language and literacy development and school readiness: pediatricians and other healthcare providers guide and encourage parents to read aloud to their children from their earliest years of their life, and send them home from each doctor visit with books and a prescription to read together. Currently, nearly 50,000 doctors and nurses have been trained in ROR's proven strategies, and more than 3,500 clinics and hospitals nationwide are implementing the program, reaching more than 25% of America's at-risk-children. Funding provided by Congress through the U.S. Department of Education has been matched by tens of millions of dollars from the private sector and state governments.